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Located on South Pamet Road, 1/3 mile east of U.S. Highway 6, in Truro, Barnstable County, Massachusetts.

Building number 17-26 in Cape Cod National Seashore.

Owners: Heirs of Lucy Fratus Kelley, Truro, Massachusetts

PART I. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The William P. Snow house is a one and a half story Cape Cod "house-and-a-half" of wood construction and in excellent condition. The rectangular house faces south with a north ell. All facades are shingled. The house is surrounded with residential lawn and planting. A modern garage and basement have been added under the main structure. The north ell and second floor have also been modernized.

The over-all dimensions of the house are 26' on the south by 27' on the west. The north ell is 21' on the west by 13' on the north. The foundations are red brick and concrete block. The walls are plank with exterior wood shingles and interior plaster. The frame is post and beam. The house has red brick stoops at all doors. One chimney is at the center of the main house and there is also one in the north ell at its north end.

All of the exterior doors are modern. The basement has a large garage door. The windows are 9/6 light double hung sash. There are some exterior wooden blinds.

The gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles and has a box cornice. The gable ends overhang at the ends and the roof planks run parallel to the ridge. The sawn rafters are 4'-4" on center and are 3 1/2" by 8". The diagonal braces are 2 3/4" by 4 3/4". The house has one large dormer to the south.

The first floor has two front rooms and one large room to the rear, plus two rooms in the ell. The first floor has a south front entry and stair hall, which is flanked to the west by a small bedroom and to the east by a large primary room. This southeast room was once used for a church. To the rear and north of these rooms is a large room that is the old kitchen. To the east of the old kitchen is a modern bath and a pantry. This pantry now contains the basement stairs. The north ell has a modern dining room and kitchen in it. The north ell once was a summer kitchen. The second floor has four bedrooms. There is a loft over the north ell.

There is one stair from the first floor to the second. This stair runs from the front -south door to the center of the second floor. At one time there was another outside entrance on the center of the west side of the house and there was a stair running from this door to the center of the attic. This stair has been removed as have the several partitions that defined it and its hall. The flooring is random width planking and has been replaced in the north ell and in the southeast rooms.

The walls and ceilings are plastered. The doors are painted wood six panel with iron lift latches and hinges. One old exterior door remains between the old kitchen and the north ell. This has six panels and a four light transom. The old kitchen and the southeast room have wainscoting, panelled fireplace walls and over-mantels in near to original condition. The over-mantel in the southeast room has a gentle arch at its top panel. The side cupboard from this room was moved into the old kitchen to balance the cupboard on the left side of the mantel and to make the fireplace arrangement symmetrical. All rooms have simple cornice moldings.

The lighting is by modern electric lamps. The house has central heating and the fireplace in the old kitchen is open.

The road is to the north. A modern garage is to the east of the house and there is a small utility building to the southeast. The drive is to the east of the house. The landscaping is residential lawn and planting.

It was in modern times that most alterations were made to the house. It was the present owners, the Kelleys, who moved the cupboard, and removed the fireplace and oven from the north ell. They also changed the stairway and removed the partition from the southwest room. They added the bedrooms on the second floor and added the basement garage and the exterior garage.

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